

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method of discovering inmate-employee fraternization comprising:
monitoring a plurality of inmate communications;
comparing the plurality of monitored inmate communications to information relating to inmates and employees located in a database;
determining, based at least on the results of the comparing, if one or more of the plurality of communications indicate that an employee and inmate are fraternizing; and
performing a predetermined action if one of the plurality of communications indicates that the employee and inmate are fraternizing.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined action is at least one of generating a report ~~[[and]]~~ or sending a notification to at least one entity.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
comparing data associated with the communications determined as indicating that an employee and inmate are fraternizing, to data in a suppression database.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~[[when]]~~ the report highlights or omits any communications in which its associated data and the data in the suppression database match.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of communications are at least one of electronic messages, instant messages [[and]] or one or more telephone calls.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of communications can be monitored at least one of locally, nationally [[and]] or internationally.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein monitoring a plurality of inmate communications includes:

collecting at least one of a called number, time and date information, sender information, recipient information, location information, called identification information [[and]] or inmate identification.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
querying a database of logged monitored communications to determine potential fraternization between [[employees]] an employee and [[the]] an inmate.

9. (currently amended) A system that discovers employee-inmate fraternization comprising:

a monitoring module that monitors a plurality of communications from inmates;

a comparison module that compares the plurality of monitored communications to information relating to inmates and employees in a database;

a determination module that determines, based at least on the results of the comparison, if one or more of the plurality of communications indicate that an employee and an inmate are fraternizing; and

a result module that forwards instructions to perform a predetermined action if one of the plurality of communications indicates that the employee and the inmate are fraternizing.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the result module at least one of generates a report [[and]] or sends a notification to at least one entity.

11. (original) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
a second comparison module in which data associated with the communications determined as indicating that an employee and inmate are fraternizing, is compared to data in a suppression database.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein [[when]] the report highlights or omits any communications in which its associated data and the data in the suppression database match.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the plurality of communications are at least one of electronic messages, instant messages [[and]] or one or more telephone calls.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the plurality of communications can be monitored at least one of locally, nationally [[and]] or internationally.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the monitoring module collects at least one of a called number, a calling number, conference call information, time and date information, sender information, recipient information, location information, called identification information, [[and]] or inmate identification.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 9, further comprising a query module configured to query a database of logged monitored communications to determine potential fraternization between the inmate and [[employees]] the employee.

17. (currently amended) An information storage media comprising information configured to discover inmate-employee fraternization comprising:

information that monitors a plurality of communications from inmates;

information that compares the plurality of monitored communications to information relating to inmates and employees in a database;

information that determines, based at least on the results of the comparing, if one or more of the plurality of communications indicates that an inmate and an employee are fraternizing; and

information that performs a predetermined action if one of the plurality of communications indicates that an inmate and an employee are fraternizing.

18. (original) A device for discovering inmate-employee fraternization comprising:
means for monitoring a plurality of inmate communications;
means for comparing the plurality of monitored inmate communications to information relating to inmates and employees located in a database;
means for determining, based at least on the results of the comparing, if one or more of the plurality of communications indicate that an employee and inmate are fraternizing; and
means for performing a predetermined action if one of the plurality of communications indicates that the employee and inmate are fraternizing.

19. (original) The device of claim 18, further comprising:
means for comparing data associated with the communications determined as indicating that an employee and inmate are fraternizing, to data in a suppression database.

20. (currently amended) The device of claim 19, wherein the predetermined action is at least one of generating a report ~~[[and]]~~ or sending a notification to at least one entity.

21. (currently amended) The device of claim 20, wherein [[when]] the report highlights or omits any communications in which its associated data and the data in the suppression database match.

22. (currently amended) The device of claim 18, wherein the plurality of communications are at least one of electronic messages, instant messages [[and]] or one or more telephone calls.

23. (currently amended) A method of discovering inmate-employee fraternization comprising:

receiving a communication from an inmate;

comparing the communication to information relating to inmates and employees located in a database;

determining, based at least on the results of the comparing, whether the communication indicates that an employee and inmate are fraternizing; and

performing a predetermined action if the communication indicates that the employee and inmate are fraternizing.

24. (original) The device of claim 23, further comprising:

means for comparing data associated with the communication determined as indicating that an employee and inmate are fraternizing, to data in a suppression database.

25. (currently amended) The device of claim 24, wherein the predetermined action is at least one of generating a report [[and]] or sending a notification to at least one entity.

26. (currently amended) The device of claim 25, wherein [[when]] the report highlights or omits the communication if its associated data and the data in the suppression database match.

27. (currently amended) The device of claim 23, wherein the communication is at least one of an electronic message, instant message [[and]] or a telephone call.